MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : With reference to the answer to part (c) of the question, may I know whether any counter-petition was received from the inhabitants of the same locality requesting the Government not to locate the shop at Kulathur?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have not got the information with me now. I claim notice of that question.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : It is stated in the answer to part (c) that " there is a proposal to shift one of the existing five toddy shops in the Vilappil pakuti to Kulathur in 1106-07 *as the necessity for the same has been urged by the people of the locality.*"

With reference to the clause 'as the necessity for the same has been urged by the people of the locality', I ask whether there was any counter-petition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Excise Commissioner reported that there was a request for a shop there and so the question of shifting one of the shops was decided upon by the Government. I am not able to say definitely whether a counter-petition on the subject was received by the Government.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether there was a counter-petition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : And if there was such a petition, will they be pleased to see that the location of the shop is made only after ascertaining the wishes of the people?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : That can be done.

Trace from Araloomood to Perumpazhuthoor.

219. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Are the Government aware that there is a trace running from Araloomood, 10th mile, M. S. Road to Perumpazhuthoor in the Neyyattinkara-Moolayikkonam road and that the need is largely felt by the public for widening the same so as to make it useful for cart traffic?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the affirmative.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know from the Government whether they propose to widen the road?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : One portion has been completed. Work in the second portion has already been started and after knowing the results of the working of the second section, Government will consider the question of widening the whole road.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know the distance of the whole trace?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : That information is not available now before me.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know at least the distance worked up till now ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Some portions have been worked up.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*). My question was about the *distance* already worked up.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That information is not before me now. I claim notice of that question.

Need to improve the Nemom-Malayinkiz road.

220. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : (1) Are the Government aware :

(*a*) that an interpellation was asked and answered during the last meeting of this Council regarding the extreme necessity of improving the first five miles in the Nemom-Malayinkizh road ; and

(*b*) that this portion of the road is in as bad a condition as it was last year (1104) ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No ; on the other hand it is reported that the road is in fair condition.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : The answer to part (*b*) is

" No ; on the other hand it is reported that the road is in fair condition."

May I know who made the report ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether that report was made after a personal inspection of the place ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : I cannot say that now.

MR. N K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know when that report was submitted to Government ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : On the 18th February 1930.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know the date of inspection of the place ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The Chief Engineer in his report has not said anything about inspection. He has only reported that the road is in fair condition.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, my former interpellation also contained a request to Government to give me information as regards any improvement effected with regard to a bridge on the road. May I know whether any improvement was effected to that bridge ?

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